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a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____
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ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

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iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

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b. ☐ Other _____

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